

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Gordon R. Hendrick, on February 4, 2011 at 3:00 PM, in Room 472
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Gordon R. Hendrick, Chair (R)
Rep. Betsy Hands, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Brian Hoven, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Dick Barrett (D)
Rep. Gerald (Jerry) Bennett (R)
Rep. Virginia Court (D)
Rep. Kelly Flynn (R)
Rep. Alan Hale (R)
Rep. Bill Harris (R)
Rep. Cleve J. Loney (R)
Rep. Michele Reinhart (D)
Rep. Kathleen Williams (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Pat Connell (R)
Rep. Mike Miller (R)
Rep. Wendy Warburton (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Lauren Head, Committee Secretary
Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 383, 2/1/2011

Executive Action: HJ 6

HEARING ON HB 383

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:01 Rep. Mike Phillips (D), HD 66, opened the hearing on HB 383, Revise composition of board of oil and gas conservation.

[EXHIBIT\(nah28a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(nah28a02\)](#)

00:04:02 Rep. Connell joined the meeting.

00:07:21 Rep. Warburton joined the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:12:31 Brenda Lindlief-Hall, Tongue River Water Users Association

Opponents' Testimony:

00:13:57 Patrick Montalban, Northern Montana Oil and Gas Association (NMOGA)

00:18:37 Dave Galt, Director, Montana Petroleum Association (MPA)

00:22:12 John Metropoulos, Fidelity Exploration and Production

00:23:24 Ed Bartlett, Continental Resources

00:24:46 William Duffield, Montana Association of Oil and Gas Counties (MAOGC)

Informational Testimony:

00:25:39 Tom Richmond, Administrator, Petroleum Engineer, Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation (MBOGC)

[EXHIBIT\(nah28a03\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:31:01 Rep. Barrett

00:31:50 Rep. Phillips

00:34:16 Rep. Barrett

00:34:52 Rep. Phillips

00:37:39 Rep. Hale

00:37:56 Mr. Galt

00:38:46 Rep. Loney

00:39:19 Mr. Galt

00:40:09 Rep. Hoven

00:40:31 Mr. Galt

00:41:22 Rep. Hoven

00:41:35 Mr. Richmond

00:42:16 Rep. Harris

00:43:09 Mr. Richmond

00:44:24 Chairman Hendrick

00:44:56 Rep. Phillips

00:45:56 Rep. Williams

00:46:46 Mr. Richmond

00:48:05 Rep. Williams

00:48:11 Mr. Richmond
 00:50:02 Rep. Williams
 00:50:28 Rep. Connell
 00:51:17 Rep. Phillips
 00:51:28 Mr. Richmond
 00:52:09 Rep. Hale
 00:52:29 Mr. Richmond
 00:53:01 Rep. Hale
 00:53:18 Mr. Richmond
 00:53:45 Rep. Hale
 00:53:56 Mr. Richmond

Closing by Sponsor:

00:55:02 Rep. Phillips
 01:00:48 Chairman Hendrick

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 6

01:01:09 **Motion:** Rep. Hands moved that **HJ 6 DO PASS.**

01:01:20 **Motion:** Rep. Hands moved that **HJ 6 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(nah28a04)

Discussion:

01:01:40 Rep. Hands
 01:02:42 Rep. Connell
 01:05:19 Rep. Harris
 01:06:09 Rep. Barrett
 01:07:06 Rep. Connell
 01:08:23 Rep. Hands
 01:11:00 Rep. Flynn

01:11:50 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Miller voted by proxy.

01:12:20 **Motion:** Rep. Hands moved that **HJ 6 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

01:12:36 Rep. Hale
 01:12:49 Rep. Hands
 01:12:59 Chairman Hendrick
 01:13:00 Rep. Miller joined the meeting
 01:13:16 Rep. Court
 01:13:27 Rep. Flynn
 01:13:42 Rep. Connell

01:14:22 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

01:14:45 Chairman Hendrick

ADJOURNMENT

01:15:50 Adjournment

Lauren Head, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([nah28aad.pdf](#))